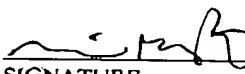
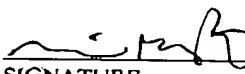
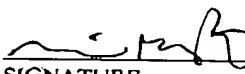


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INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 9, 1999		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 19, 1999	
THE INVENTION VASCULAR CLOSURE DEVICE			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Amir LOSHAKOVE et al.			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
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